

**SB 1445 (DeSaulnier)**  
**As Amended – May 13, 2010**

**PLANNING ADVISORY AND ASSISTANCE COUNCIL**  
**Fact Sheet**

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**SUMMARY**

SB 1445 will impose a statewide \$1 motor vehicle registration surcharge for regional planning agencies to develop and implement a sustainable communities strategy or regional blueprint plan and for the Planning Advisory and Assistance Council to coordinate state investments with these regional plans.

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**BACKGROUND**

SB 375 (Steinberg) of 2008 requires that each Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Council of Governments (COG) develop a sustainable communities strategy reflecting preferred land uses as part of its regional transportation plan. The sustainable communities strategy will build on regional blueprints already being prepared in these regions.

Regional blueprints are the result of voluntary cooperative efforts by cities and counties in a region to develop a coordinated and integrated approach to land use planning. Regional blueprints seek to address the following: mobility, congestion, transit use, infill development, housing supply and the presence of farmland and habitat in our communities.

With California's population predicted to grow by 16 million over the next two decades, successfully accommodating this growth depends upon the ability of regional and local governments to attract development projects that promote the goals of regional planning. Regions and cities need state agencies to act in concert with local officials to accomplish these goals and the larger regional and state goals of improved quality of life, air quality and economic growth.

To successfully implement SB 375 and its required regional transportation plans to address greenhouse gases, regional and local governments need resources for strategic planning and opportunities for coordination with the efforts of the Governor's Strategic Growth Council and other state agencies as required by the enactment of SB 732 (Steinberg) of 2008.

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**PREVIOUS LEGISLATION**

SB 406 (DeSaulnier) of 2008 was vetoed.

AB 2870 (DeSaulnier) of 2007 failed passage in the Senate Committee on Local Government.

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**THIS BILL**

SB 1445 will impose a \$1 registration fee on all vehicles to be used to develop and implement a sustainable communities strategy or regional plan, which will help to improve environmental quality.

SB 1445 adds the following membership to the existing Planning Advisory and Assistance Council:

- Seven (7) representatives of regional planning organizations,
- One (1) member of the California Transportation Commission,
- One (1) member of the State Air Resources Board,
- One (1) member of the State Energy Conservation and Development Commission,
- One (1) member appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly,
- One (1) member appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules.

SB 1445 requires the Planning Advisory and Assistance Council to work with the Strategic Growth Council to:

- 1) Facilitate the implementation of regional blueprint plans;
- 2) Develop and propose recommendations to the Strategic Growth Council, the Department of General Services, the State Allocation Board, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Department of Transportation, and the California Transportation Commission;
- 3) Identify and review activities and funding programs of member state agencies that may be coordinated to improve air and water quality, improve natural resource protection, increase the availability of affordable housing, improve transportation, meet the goals of the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006;
- 4) Receive reports including the five year infrastructure plan;
- 5) Report to the legislature on the manner in which state agencies are implementing statewide environmental goals and ensuring state plans are consistent with state planning priorities, which includes maintaining and improving existing infrastructure that support infill development, protecting natural resources, and encouraging efficient development patterns pursuant to AB 857 (Wiggins) of 2002.
- 6) Report to the Legislature on the progress of each region and its improvements to various factors.

SB 1445 further requires the Strategic Growth Council to submit a report on the proposed or ongoing management of each funded project to the legislature no later than July 1, 2012. SB 1445 will sunset on January 1, 2016.

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## STATUS

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## SUPPORT

- California Association of Councils of Governments (Sponsor)
- Association of Bay Area Governments
- Contra Costa Transportation Authority
- Housing California
- Metropolitan Transportation Commission
- TransForm

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## OPPOSITION

- Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers
- California New Car Dealers Association
- Department of Finance
- Department of Housing and Community Development

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